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## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

**16 June 2009**

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society  
Mr D Ferrington – Staffs Historic Buildings Trust  
Mr D McNair-Lewis – McNair Lewis Design  
Mr B Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects  
Mr B Sinnott – Madeley Parish Council  
Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

106. \* **MR JIM WORGAN**

The Chair welcomed Mr Jim Worgan to his first meeting of the Working Party. Mr Worgan would be representing Newcastle Civic Society – taking over from Mr J Prendergast who sadly passed away in April.

**Resolved:-** That the comment be noted.

107. \* **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 April 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

108. \* **MATTERS ARISING**

(i) Home Farm, Keele

It was reported that following representations made by Keele University, the listing of Home Farm in January of this year was currently being reviewed and a decision on whether the listing should remain was awaited.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

(ii) Building at Risk Survey

It was reported that work on the survey would start shortly.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

109. \* **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:-** (a) That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

(b) That the following observations be made on the applications listed below:-

<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed development and name of applicant</u>	<u>Comments</u>
09/230/FUL & 09/261/LBC	Construction of external entrance ramp, installation of internal wheelchair platform lift, modification to existing WCs, door replacement/alterations, replacement of interior finishes and associated modifications. The Clock House, Keele University, Keele. University of Keele.	Members welcomed the proposed improvements but concerns were raised regarding the suitability of the Staffordshire Blue brick wall to carry the proposed railings in terms of their long term appearance.
09/237/FUL	Refurbishment of existing office building including new entrance and replacement windows. Blackburn House, The Midway, Newcastle. Morston Archway Ltd.	The Working Party welcomed the refurbishment stating that it provided an opportunity to improve the general appearance of this area. It was considered that the design of the proposed windows should be similar to those in Morston House and that careful control should be exercised over the treatment of the existing concrete lintels. The Working Party also considered that the Birch trees next to the building should be retained.
09/281/FUL	Installation of new heating and cooling units. Morston House, The Midway, Newcastle. NHS Estates Department.	No objections subject to the proposal matching the rest of the building.
09/236/FUL	Single storey side extension. 2 Crown Gardens, Talke. Mr P Maxfield.	No objections but Members would prefer a different design for the windows in the proposed extension that can be viewed from the adjoining Conservation Area.
09/284/LBC & 09/283/FUL	Conversion of existing buildings to living accommodation (granny annexe). Peatswood Hall, Peatswood, Market Drayton. Mr T Fair.	No objections subject to discussions being held between the applicant and Conservation Officer to secure the retention of as much of the garden wall as possible.
09/223/ADV	Fascia sign. 25 Castle Walk, Newcastle. Orange.	The Working Party expressed concern at the design and dominance of this

projecting sign preferring one that would be more in keeping with other signs in Castle Walk.

09/273/LBC Internal alterations and alterations to two windows. Brampton Lodge, Brampton Road, Newcastle. Mrs N Croxton.

Concern was expressed at what was happening to the of the property and objections were raised to the works already carried out to its internal fabric. As the works did not have the benefit of Listed Building Consent it was considered that enforcement proceedings may be an appropriate course of action to restore the fabric of the building.

09/282/CPO Extension to provide multi-use games room, kitchen area, DDA compliant toilet facility and baby change unit, covered play area, play area and shed. Audley Library, Hall Street, Audley. Staffordshire County Council.

The Working Party considered that the design of the proposed extension, as submitted, did not reflect the design of the existing building and that insufficient details of the proposed boundary treatment had been submitted to enable proper consideration to be given to that element of the proposal.

110. \* **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) Signs  
Internacionale, Ironmarket, Newcastle  
99 Pence Store (former Woolworths), High Street, Newcastle

Concern was expressed that signs had been installed on the fascias of the above buildings and may require consent.

**Resolved:-** That the officers investigate the above concerns and report back.

- (ii) Civic Award Scheme

It was reported that details of the Scheme had been forwarded to all Members of the Council. A press release had also been issued.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**MRS W NAYLON**  
**Chair**